RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b) University Grants Commission Circulated to all States and Universities in July 1989 a model acaedmic calendar for implementation by the Universities from the academic year 1990-91. The model academic calendar, *inter alia,* provides for a minimum of 180 teaching days every year, last date of admission, last date of completion of examinations and declaration of results. In August, 1991 UGC advised universities to adopt the model academic calendar to suit local conditions, without reducing the minimum number of teaching days. It is, therefore, left to universities to decide the duration and timing of vacations.

(c) No, Sir. Students in universities and colleges participate in Adult Education and Literacy Programmes on voluntary basis.

Survey of Gold at Kappat Gudda, Karnataka

*35. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey conducted at Kappat Gudda for mining of gold in Dharwad District in Karnataka. has shown promising results; and

(b) if so, whether the details thereof and the reasons for not starting mining work at the site and whether Government propose to privatise the mining at the earliest to bolster India's gold reserves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and and (b) Surveys and exploration carried out so far have indicated gold deposits in the Northern and Western flanks of Kappat Hill Ranges in Dharwad District in Karnataka. However, the deposits are generally of low grade. Estimated reserves (in situ) established through detailed exploration at Gadag Gold Field in Dharwad District are as under:

Mine Block	Estimated reserves (in situ)	
	Tonnes (in lakhs)	Gold Grade (G/T)
Hosur Champion East Block	4.38	2.84
Hosur Champion West Block	11.92	2.50
Mysore Mine Block	0.91	2.72

In view of the doubtful economic viability of the above low grade deposits, mining work has not started.

Under the new Industrial Policy announced by the Government in July, 1991, gold mining continues to be reserved for the Public Sector and the Government do not have any proposal for privatising gold mining.

New Steel Plants in North-Eastern States

*36. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state: